

# THE ROCK ISLAND ARGUS.

# PRESIDENT URGES UNITY OF NATION

## WILSON GETS BIG WELCOME IN CINCINNATI

Enthusiastic Thousands in Ohio Cheer President on Arrival.

## MET BY G.O.P. MAYOR

Official Greeting Accorded by Republican Executives — Taken to Hotel.

### RULES GOVERNING STUDENTS' CONTEST

In competition with the students of the Moline high school, who are editing the *Moline Dispatch*, the student representatives of Rock Island high school have produced this edition of *The Argus*. The representatives of the teams have agreed upon the following rules:

The paper is to have not more than 16 pages.

The student editors are to write the editorials, both the local and general sports, and all the local news of the day.

As far as is possible all work is to be done under newspaper conditions.

The papers are to be judged for the news they contain rather than from a literary standpoint, or as newspapers rather than literature or magazines, and by the newspaper men in cities whose papers are published under similar circumstances.

No more than one feature of each school is to be put in charge of the editors, and the reading of copy turned in by the pupils.

## Eleven Lose Lives in Big Hospital Fire

Toronto, Oct. 25.—In addition to five patients, at least lost their lives in a fire which destroyed St. Elizabeth's hospital early today. This follows the rains were still falling and it was impossible to approach them to search for from 15 to 25 persons reported missing.

The building was occupied by the Canadian Nurses and contained two buildings for hospital patients, the other for school children.

St. Elizabeth's hospital, Parham, is 10 miles from Montreal.

More than three hundred and fifty persons were staying in the hospital when the blaze was discovered. Efforts to make their way safely by means of the fire escape, nearly all of them hanged from windows.

Twenty-five children who escaped from the initial火灾 were badly injured.

The hospital and a laundry were destroyed and several adjacent buildings were damaged by smoke and water. The fire is believed to have started in a domestic chimney.

Up to noon no bodies had been found, but the names of some missing who are believed to have perished were known. They were paralytic. Survivors were taken to many farm homes. Many were injured by jumping from windows and fear cost them their limbs.

A sister climbed to the tiled roof and risked her life, holding up unconscious children through windows to broken and cinders on lawns.

An early estimate placed the property loss at about \$15,000.

### A FEW HOT SHOTS BY WILSON IN TALK AT CINCINNATI, O.

Cincinnati, Oct. 26.—President Wilson declared here today that the present war is the last one involving the world which the United States can keep out of.

He again advanced a League of Nations to maintain peace after the present war. He said the United States should be ready to use its physical force if necessary to assist in preventing war. He said that at times the duties of neutrals under present conditions become very difficult.

The president flatly denied republican claims that as president he has no power to wage war without the consent of Congress.

### THE WAR TODAY

The situation of the defeated Russo-Romanian army is Dabrobova appears slightly less critical in the light of today's official report from Petrograd, which describes the pressure of Field Marshal von Mackensen's armies as somewhat weakened.

As a whole the situation for Romania is considered by military commentators in Berlin as increasingly precarious.

In the Carpathians near Capoul the Russians report the repulse of a Tente attack.

On the western front the Germans are reported by Paris to have ceased their counter attacks at Verdun.

The new French positions are still under German artillery fire, however.

In Macedonia, French cavalry has occupied the villages of Golobrda and Lalista, in the vicinity of the Greek-Albanian border, while the Serbians have driven the Bulgarians and Germans further back in the region of the Cerna river southeast of Monastir, according to Paris. The British report carrying out successful naval aeroplane attacks on the railway stations at Buk and Drama on the Constantinople-Saloniki railway.

## TEUTONS LET UP IN CHARGE ON RUMANIA

Russians Report Noticeable Lessening in Pressure of Von Mackensen.

### WRECK DANUBE BRIDGE

Crossing Over Stream Blown Up by Defenders Who Capture Stronghold

Petrograd, Oct. 26.—The pressure of Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces in Dabrobova against the Russian and Romanian forces has weakened somewhat. The war office announced today that the Transylvanian front, the most important, has been broken through, and the progress of superior Austrian-German forces.

**Stronghold Captured.**

Bucharest, Oct. 26.—(by wireless to Saville).—The capture by the Hungarians of Moldavia Fortifications, on the Transylvanian front south of Brasov, was announced today by the war office. In the Old valley leading southwest toward the Danube frontier.

The Austro-German forces have been driven southwest beyond the western frontier of Moldavia, the northern province of Romania, the statement says. Their losses were very heavy. The war office says there is nothing now to report from the front.

**Von Mackensen Progresses.**

Berlin, Oct. 26.—(by wireless to Saville).—Field Marshal von Mackensen is progressing with his operations against the Russian-Romanian armies in Transylvania. His war office announced today that the bridge over the Danube has been blown up by the Romanians, thus annihilating the announcement states.

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### UPHOLDS WILSON POLICY IN MEXICO

Argentine Republic Statesman Speaks of Results This Country Enjoys in South America.

**Battle in Germany's Favor.**

The capture of Teheranaya by Field Marshal von Mackensen's army has increased the military prestige of the Central Powers, and, in particular, the Russian-Romanian armies in Transylvania. His war office announced today that the fighting of the combined Bulgarian-German and Turkish forces against the rebels of Constantinople and the Balkans had ended with the capture of Medzhidiye, thus making it a question that the Russian-Romanian position there will be threatened on the flank. The Russian-Romanian position there being raised up from the rear, the soldiers of support on the Danube, from Bulgaria, also had to be driven up.

With this situation brought about the striking Teutonic allies stood before the strong Danube Bridgehead of Teheranaya, which then had to serve as a cover for the long retreat of the defeated Russians and Romanians. To-day the railroad line from Constantza to Teheranaya is completely in the hands of the victorious allies, constituting a first class basis for strategic operations.

**Army Separated.**

The defeated army was separated into two parts. Those who did not remain on the battlefield or were not taken prisoner, saved themselves by flight across the Teheranaya bridge over the Danube or to the northwest in Dobruja.

After the capture of Teheranaya this famous Danube bridge was demolished by Von Mackensen's guns. The bridge is the largest in all Europe. Its total length across both branches of the Danube and the swampy and frequently impassable terrain traversed being 17 kilometers. It was completed in 1896.

**Cuts of Ross Alf.**

With the loss of the Constantinople-Bagdad line by Rumens, the transport of provisions from Russia will have to be conducted over two million and less efficiently equipped railway lines in Moldavia or by way of the Danube ports of Galata and Braila, which are by no means comparable to Constantza. At the same time the most important route for artillery transportation by way of the railway from Constantza to Bucharest is virtually eliminated. All shipments must go by way of Braila and Ploieci.

**Million Use Drugs in United States**

New York, Oct. 26.—More than a million dollars in the United States are known drug users, and as many more use drugs in secret. The members of the American Medical Editors' association were told at a meeting here yesterday. The speaker was R. C. Hall, chief of the pharmaceutical division of the internal revenue bureau. He said the drug addicts were to be found in every district of the country.

**With Continued Increase in Prices of Ingredients Bakers to Again Boost Product.**

Chicago, Oct. 26.—Increased prices for bread within the next few days were again discussed by members of the Master Bakers' association today following increases in the cost of flour yesterday.

Chicago bakers will hold a meeting Saturday night in an effort to induce Chicago congressmen to back a movement for an embargo on the shipment of wheat. Four yesterday was quoted in Chicago houses at \$1 a barrel.

**Investigation Into the Cause of the**

**Food Price**

Partly cloudy tonight and Friday; warmer tonight.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 53° highest yesterday.

Precipitation, none.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 70%; at 7 a. m., 88%.

State of water, 1.8; rise of 1 in the last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIDAN, Local Forecaster.

### "THE SOLOIST OF THE G. O. P. OPERA CO."



## FORT VAUX IS EXPECTED TO FALL, REPORT

Following Up Yesterday's Gain Soldiers of France Plunge Onward.

### ENEMY GUNS ACTIVE

Artillery of Germans Violently Bombs Positions Only Recently Lost.

Berlin, Oct. 26. (by wireless to Saville).—Fort Douamont in the Verdun region was evacuated by the Germans earlier prior to its capture by the French, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters. Further French attacks against Fort Douamont and also Fort Vaux yesterday were repelled by the Germans, the statement adds.

Paris, Oct. 26. (Saville).—German artillery shelled positions captured by the French in the region of Vaux and Douamont on the Verdun front last night, says today's official report. The Germans undertook no infantry attacks.

The French troops at Verdun are showing up the advantages gained by the soldiers formed around on Tuesday and are continuing to live their training here close to the within less than 300 yards of Vaux fort. An announcement of the capture is immediately expected here, thus completely exposing the French line held on Oct. 25.

**German Appear Weak.**

The German forces at Verdun are receding with such impotent lack of strength that the triumph of French military men, they no longer possess a general strength.

Reports of anomalies show French losses were very light, considerably less than the number of prisoners taken.

The Germans had earned long of all soldiers in the vicinity of Verdun, all of whom had died and the battle at the French.

The three battalions, generally under the command of General Masselot, left the Verdun region yesterday afternoon, all three battalions coming to the south of Verdun, the Imperial representative association reported.

That the association had not carried on an aggressive campaign during the past year to assist various cities in providing funds and forming institutes to prepare them for the revival of river traffic is due entirely to a shortage of funds, it was said.

P. M. Hamm, of St. Louis, chairman of the commercial committee, said however, that in the last 12 months the port and the terminal in which concentrated and during the season just closed 45,000 tons of freight were handled 1,000 tons of this day.

### Missouri Editor Dead.

Waukesha, Oct. 26.—Editorial manager of the *Waukesha Daily Times* was received here today by his wife, Mrs. M. Hamm, and his son, Mr. Hamm, Jr., who had come to pay respects.

Waukesha officials said the death occurred Saturday morning.

Washington, Oct. 26.—Villa bandits operating near Nanking, only 25 miles south of the American expedition's southern outfit, have demanded the shortening of the American troops this and gradual evacuation of Nanking territory by the United States army. Americans coming to the rescue of Villa bandits operating near Nanking, all of whom had been paid off, returned to the American troops.

General Pershing, called from Mexico, was told that Villa should wait in his apparent movement to oppose him. Villa, who means and it was to get control of areas of southern Mexico, the entire Mexican situation was regarded as serious.

Competitors in Chihuahua were the subject of attacks, and the American government sent a telegram to the Mexican government to demand that Villa be stopped. Villa was not told that Villa should wait in his apparent movement to oppose him. Villa, who means and it was to get control of areas of southern Mexico, the entire Mexican situation was regarded as serious.

Washington, Oct. 26.—The British mine sweeping vessel *Gentian* has been torpedoed and sunk, according to an announcement given out by the British admiralty. All the officers and 25 members of the mine sweeper's crew were lost. The survivors numbered 12.

London, Oct. 26.—It is now reported that the Norwegian mail steamer from Bergen for Newcastle which, according to advice received yesterday was stopped by a German warship, has been taken to a German port, although he is preparing to leave.

It is agreed in official circles that the military situation in Chihuahua made this mine sweeping operation particularly uncertain for naval fleet activities. Despite reports that Villa is personally leading his own fleet against the British, the Admiralty has decided to send the *Gentian* to a German port.

Military experts are frankly pessimistic of the result of the Carranza campaign against these bandits. To them this weakness represents a serious obstacle to the present restoration of order in northern Mexico.

### BAD BILLS OF SALE AID AUTO BANDITS

Chicago, Oct. 26.—Confounding bills of sale are the chief obstacles with which police of this city have to contend with, despite the strenuous efforts of Commissioner Gleeson, according to John J. Shoey, of the central detective bureau here. He made the statement today in connection with the report of the Chicago police department concerning the growth of the auto automobile stealing industry from practically insignificance in 1911 to a value of more than \$1,200,000 so far this year.

## TALK OF ANOTHER ADVANCE IN BREAD

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